PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
COLLECTION
Southern Baptist Historical
Library & Archives

Minutes

OF THE

Ninety-Fifth

Annual Session

OF THE

Cypress Creek

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Hurricane Creek Church

SEPTEMBER 20, 21, 22,

1963

OFFICERS

ELDER A. D. SHIPP ..... Moderator
BROTHER J. C. DAVIS ..... Clerk
BROTHER W. M. THOMPSON ..... Assistant Clerk

THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST PUBLISHING HOUSE
Elon College, North Carolina

S. B. C.

Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2014

https://archive.org/details/minutesofninetyf95cypr

Proceedings

OF THE NINETY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE CYPRESS CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1963

FRIDAY MORNING

As previously agreed, the Association met with the Hurricane Creek Church September 20, 1963. Meeting was opened by Brother E. C. Davis, singing hymn 490. Brother A. D. Shipp, Jr. offered prayer.

The Moderator, Elder A. D. Shipp, made some brief remarks and read Scripture lesson from Matthew 18. Sang hymn 200 and called Elder Odell Brooks to preach the Introductory Sermon. He used for his text, Hold fast that which is good. (1 Thess. 5:21) Elder A. D. Shipp alternated preaching from the same text.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The meeting was opened by Brother L. C. Crawford singing hymn 96. Prayer by Brother A. B. Nelson. The Moderator read Scripture lesson from Psalm 133.

The Association proceeded to business. The roll of churches was called and names of delegates enrolled. The Moderator Protem, Elder E. Brooks, announced that the Cypress Creek Primitive Baptist Association was unorganized, being without an official staff.

It was motioned and carried that we hold our same staff of officers for the year 1963-64. Elder A. D. Ship, Moderator; Brother J. E. Davis, Clerk and Brother W. M. Thompson, Assistant Clerk.

The Association being organized, the Moderator appointed various committees as follows:

Committee on Arrangement: Brother L. C. Crawford, Brother Bennie Taylor, and Brother A. B. Nelson. Report shown in devotional exercise.

Committee on Correspondence: Elder Joe Bean, Elder L. M. Nelson and Brother Clyde Davis.

Committee on Finance: Brother A. D. Shipp, Jr., Brother Chester Jackson. Their report is shown in the Table of Expenditure.

SATURDAY MORNING

The meeting was opened by Brother Chester Jackson singing hymn 3. Brother L. C. Crawford offered prayer. The Moderator read the Scripture lesson from 1 John 4.

It was motioned and carried that we hear the report of our corresponding messengers. They came forward with a good report from the Association they were appointed to attend.

It was motioned and carried that we hear the report of the correspondence Committee. The report:

We your committee beg leave to report that we received correspondence from Friendship by letter and minutes by hands of Elder M. Gibbs, from Pine Light by letter and minutes by the hands of Elder J. W. Wyatt, from Union by letter and minutes by the hands of Elder G. Charles, from Beouff River by the hands of Elder L. Mumphrey, from Caney Creek by letter and minutes and with Crew Lake by letter and minutes.

SATURDAY EVENING

The meeting was opened by Brother A. B. Nelson singing hymn 112. Brother Chester Jackson offered prayer. It was motioned and carried that the sitting of our next session will be held with the Street Hill Church about 10 miles west of Holly Springs, Mississippi, Marshall County. Elder Odell Brooks and Elder A. D. Shipp to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Union meeting for the year 1964 with Cypress Creek Church, Saturday before the second Sunday in August. To attend: Elder E. Brooks and Elder A. D. Shipp. With Rocky Mt. Church, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August. To attend: Elder Odell Brooks and Elder L. M. Nelson.

It was motioned and carried that we have 150 minutes printed.

Motion and carried the Clerk read the minutes which were read and approved by the Association and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

Elder A. D. Shipp, Moderator
Brother J. E. Davis, Clerk
Brother W. M. Thompson, Ass't Clerk

SATURDAY NIGHT

The meeting wa opened by Brother Chester Jackson singing hymn 3. Brother Jim Gibb offered prayer. The Moderator called

a presbytery for the crowning of Brother J. Shotwell for the ministry. The Presbytery as follows:

Elder E. Brooks, Elder J. Beans, Elder O. Brooks, Elder M. Gibbs, Elder A. D. Shipp, Elder G. Charles, Elder J. Jones.

Elder A. D. Shipp, Moderator
Brother J. E. Davis, Clerk

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES

Friday Morning: The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder O. Brooks, who used for his text Thess. 5:25. Elder A. D. Shipp alternated, preaching from the same text.

Friday Night: Elder Wyatt used for his text St. Matt. 10:8. Elder L. M. Nelson, Elder O. Brooks, text My soul is sorry until death.

Saturday Morning: Elder L. Mumphrey, text St. John 1:1. Elder J. Bean, text 118 Psalm, 23.

Saturday Night: Elder George Charles and Elder M. Gibbs, text, no record.

Sunday Morning: Elder J. Shotwell preached from St. John 8:1. Elder L. L. Mumphrey preached from the same text. Elder J. Jones, text, We know. Elder E. Brooks, Gen. 2:3.

Sunday Evening: Elder Wyatt, text, no record. Elder O. Brooks, text, Isa. 5:3. Closed by the Moderator, Elder A. D. Shipp.

To return correspondence to:

Friendship: By the hand of Elder A. D. Shipp.

Pine Light: By the hand of Elder L. M. Nelson.

Union: By the hand of Elder A. D. Shipp.

Beouff River: By the hand of Elder A. D. Shipp.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To the sister associations with whom we correspond. We send Christian greeting:

Dear Beloved Saints: We are still trying to keep the unity of faith in bonds of peace, and wishing to continue our friendly correspondence with you. We hereby notify you that our next session will be held with the Street Hill Church 10 miles west of Holly Springs, Mississippi, beginning Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1964 at which time and place we hope to meet again with messengers bearing letters of correspondence.

Pray for us and visit us when you can and may we be permitted to meet in the general assembly of the firstborn when we will all be one in Christ Jesus.

Elder A. D. Shipp, Moderator
Brother J. E. Davis, Clerk
Brother W. M. Thompson, Ass't Clerk

TABLE OF EXPENDITURE

Received from churches	$68.00	
Received from the public	165.28	
In Treasury	12.00	$245.28

Donated to officers as follows:

Elder A. D. Shipp	$10.00	Elder L. L. Mumphrey	7.00
Brotehr J. E. Davis	10.00	Elder George Charles	11.61
Brother W. M. Thompson	5.00	Water Boy	3.00
		Elder A.D. Shipp	6.00
Donated to Correspondents:		Elder L. M. Nelson	7.00
Elder Jeff Jones	$10.00	Elder A. D. Shipp	12.00
Elder M. Gibbs	6.00	Elder A. D. Shipp	10.00
Elder J. W. Wyatt	6.00	Eld. L. M. Nelson for '62	17.00

Donated Cypress Creek Elders ..... $ 4.67
For Printing Minutes 45.00

ROLL OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Elder A. D. Shipp, Sardis, Mississippi
Elder E. Brooks, 2274 Supreme Ave., Memphis, Tenn.
Elder L. M. Nelson, Star Route, Box 81, Sardis, Miss.
Elder Joe Beans, Rt. 2, Box 101, Holly Springs, Miss.
Elder Odell Brooks, 4236 Ruskin Rd., Memphis, Tenn.
Elder F. Grim, Memphis, Tenn.
Elder J. Shotwell, Memphis, Tenn.

ADDRESSES OF MODERATOR AND CLERKS

Elder A. D. Shipp, Rt. 2, Box 103, Sardis, Miss.
Brother J. E. Davis, Rt. 3, Box 113A, Holly Springs, Miss.
Brother W. M. Thompson, Rt. 3, Box 11, Oxford, Miss.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Cypress Creek—Elder E. Brooks
Street Hill—Elder Odell Brooks
Hurricane Creek—Elder A.D. Shipp
Rocky Mt.—Elder Odell Brooks
Harmonia—Elder E. Brooks

CONSTITUTION

We, the United Primitive Churches of Christ, being in West Tennessee and Mississippi, having been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of a necessity of combination of churches in order to perpetuate a union among us and preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other in our union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules as an Association according to the following plan:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who, on producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointments, shall be entitled to seats.

2. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known as the Cypress Creek Association, who shall have no power to lord it God's heritage, or to infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches of our union, but shall be merely considered in the light of an advisory council in matters concerning their internal concerns. Nevertheless, it becomes necessary in some cases to have a uniform rule of proceeding, viz: When an offense may be committed by one church against another, it shall be the duty of the church so offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction; and if she fails to succeed, she shall call in the aid of two or more churches in the union to assist in the labor; and if, finally, satisfaction (in the opinion of the help thus called in) cannot be obtained, the aggrieved church may bring the case before the Association, which is bound to act upon it. And

also, when any serious difference may arise in any individual church which they themselves, after due labor had, cannot reconcile, they shall call in the aid of two sister churches in the union to assist in the work; and if finally, satisfaction is not obstained the case may be brought before the Association who shall act upon it. And further to illustrate the mode of proceeding in the above cases, reference shall be had to the 18th chapter of Matthew and other scripture with respect to discipline for the bringing to trial and determination on the case of an individual member of any church. The Association will take cognizance of no case of the above kind unless the above proceedings are previously had thereon.

3. The letters from the different churches shall report their members in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and died since last Association, which shall be read and messengers' names enrolled.

4. Every church in the union shall be entitled to send two messengers to the Association to represent said church, and should any church neglect to represent herself there, she shall state her reasons in the next letter to the Association.

5. New churches may be admitted into the union who shall petition by letter or messenger; and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand.

6. The Association when convened, shall be governed by regular and proper decorum, which they are authorized to form.

7. The Association shall appoint a Moderator from among themselves for the time being, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum are attended to, to take the opinion of the Association on all questions properly brought before it. A Clerk shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to take correct Minutes of the proceedings.

8. The Association shall have power to exclude any church from the union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of th egospel.

9. The Association shal lendeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of their proceedings.

10. Every query sent by a particular church must be included in her letter, certifying that she has endeavored to settle it, but could not, in which case the Association shall take it under consideration, and vote of the majority in the Minutes as their advice.

11. Queries which immediately concern the union or state of churches at large, when sent by a particular church as from them, or handed in by proper motion made and seconded by an individual member, shall be take up and decided on as soon as opportunity permits.

12. Any church, in our union, having a member possessed with preaching talents, shall not license him to exercise his gift out of said church's bounds with ministerial aid from one or more churches; when in conjunction with the church, may, if deemed qualified, license him to exercise his gift among the churches at discretion, and the church may report thereon to the next Association, which report shall be entered on the Minutes, and any member havig duly tried as regards his preaching talent by the ministerial aid called in and failing to give satisfaction, shall thereupon be silenced.

13. Any church having a candidate for the ministry among her members whom she deems worthy of credentials, shall call a presbytery of members of our union to officiate; and said presbytery shall, in all cases of ordinations, either of a minister, deacons, or

constitution of churches, be governed by the Abstract of Principles adopted by this Association.

14. The Association shall have a fund for the support of the same, which shall be supplied by voluntary contributions of the churches, whose duty it shall be to send it by the hand of the messengers; which money so sent shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall be appointed for that purpose, and be accountable to the Association for all monies received or paid out by him as they may direct.

15. There shall be an Association book provided and kept, in which the proceedings of the Association shall be regularly recorded by the Clerk, who shall receive yearly compensation for his services.

16. The Association shall not adjourn until it has gone through the business, except in extraordinary cases.

17. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected by the Moderator and attested by the Clerk before the Association rises.

18. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present.

19. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time when a majority of the churches may deem it necessary.

20. If any minister of this Association is known to preach anything which is not orthodox, his license or credentials must be demanded by his church or his Association.

21. The moderator and clerk shall be empowered to correct all business too hastily done or neglected.

22. We will not hold in fellowship any church that holds any member in her that is a member of any of the following institutions: to-wit: Theological Schools, State Conventions, Missionary Societies, Tract Societies, Sunday School Unions, Temperance Societies, nor any other society that is tributary to the Missionary plan that now exists in the United States. Neither will we knowingly correspond with or receive correspondence from any Association that holds churches in fellowship holding members in them that are members of any of the above names institutions, together with any other society claiming to be auxiliary to the church of Christ, members belonging to the Masonic Fraternity, Odd Fellows, Sons of Temperance, Know-Nothings, nor any other secret society that does exist, or hereafter may exist, founded on the wisdom of men.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. On convening, the Association shall be called to order by the former Moderator or Clerk, if present, who shall, after reading a portion of the Scriptures, singing and prayer, call for the reading of the roll of churches from the Minutes. The delegates from the different churches will, on hearing the names of their respective churches called, produce letters as their credentials and have their names enrolled by the former Clerk, if present and in order, or some other suitable brother.

2. The next in order shall be the choice of a permanent Moderator and a Clerk for the time being; after which shall follow the reception of churches through their letters.

3. The Moderator shall fill the chair and preserve order in the Association, which shall be opened and closed with prayer, either by himself or some other brother.

4. The privilege and authority of the Moderator shall be respected by the members, yet he shall not be arbitrary in exercising them. He shall decide upon questions of order and propriety; but from his decision an appeal, if seconded, may be made to the Association, and the decision of the Association shall be binding on all parties.

5. The Moderator shall vote in no case unless the Association be

equally divided, and then shall give the deciding vote. He shall have the same privilege of speaking as other members, provided he calls some other member to the chair.

6. But on member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall not be interrupted unless he depart from his subject or make personal reflections. He shall not speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Moderator, unless to explain what is misunderstood or misrepresented.

7. No member shall vacate his seat without leave of the Moderator.

8. When the question is taken up, after allowing time for deliberation, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association either by yeas or nays, viva Voice, or by requiring those on the affirmative side to rise from their seats, and if necessary those on the negative side also. The Moderator shall announce the decision before he resumes his seat.

9. Motions and amendments to motions, if seconded, must be considered unless withdrawn. The usual order in deliberative bodies shall be observed in disposing of them by this Association.

10. The list of names of delegates shall be called over, and the constitution and rules of decorum, or any part thereof, read as often as the Association may direct.

11. The Clerk shall enroll the names of delegates, Minutes of the proceedings of the body, and discharge such other duties as the Association may direct.

12. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and the Clerk before the Association rises.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Word, and Holy Ghost. Deut. 4:39; Mark 12:9; John 5:7.

2. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testaments are of divine authority, and the only rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 3:16; Rom. 15:2, 3.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace, and that God chose His people in Christ before the world began. Eph. 1:4; Rom. 11:5; Titus 1:2.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Gen. 2:6; Rom. 2:1.

5. We believe that man cannot of his own free will or ability recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature. Eph. 2:8; Heb. 9:21; 1 Pet. 2:24.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ. Rom. 3:22; Titus 3:5.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted and regenerated and sanctified by th Holy Spirit. Mal. 3:17; 1 Pt. 1:2.

8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never fall finally away. John 10:27, 28; Rom. 7:36-39; 2 Tim. 1:9.

9. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper, and washing the saints' feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that baptism is by immersion the only apostolic mode, and true believers the only proper subjects for baptism. Matt. 3:13; Acts 8:13, 36. For the Lord's Supper, Mark 16:13; Luke 12:9. For washing the saints' feet. John 13:15; 2 Tim. 5:10; Gen. 18:4.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the saints and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal. 1 Thess. 4:16; Rev. 20:15.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinance of Jesus Christ except those who have been regularly baptized and called of God, and come under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery. Acts 13:2, 3; Titus 1:5.

12. We believe that none but regularly baptized persons have a right to commune at the Lord's table. Mark. 14; 1 Cor. 11:24; Ex. 2:43.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Communion Mo.	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contributions
Cypress Creek— Eld.E. Brooks	L. C. Crawford	Chester Jackson, L. C. Crawford	May	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	28	$20.00
Street Hill— Eld. O. Brooks	J. E. Davis, Holly Springs, Miss.	A. D. Shipp, Jr.	May	3	2	....	....	....	....	1	38	12.00
Harmonia— Eld. E. Brooks	Bennie Taylor	Bennie Taylor, L. D. Jones		4	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	9.00
Rocky Mount— Eld. O. Brooks	Hudson Booth	A. B. Nelson, Galveston Hughs		4	....	....	....	....	....	....	26	17.50
Hurricane Creek— Eld. A. D. Shipp	W. M. Thompson	W. M. Thompson, Percy Parkham	May	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	10	9.00